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BUMED INSTRUCTION 5450.72D

From: Chief, Bureau of Medicine and Surgery

Subj: MISSION AND FUNCTIONS OF NAVAL OPHTHALMIC SUPPORT AND
TRAINING COMMAND (NAVOPHTHALSUPTRACT)

Ref: (a) ITRO Executive Order #39, May 1995 (NOTAL)
(b) Memorandum from OASD(HA) dtd 23 Oct 96 (NOTAL)
(c) Memorandum of Understanding between OASD(HA), TMA, and
the SGs of the Army, Navy, and Air Force (NOTAL)

Encl: (1) Mission, Functions, and Tasks of Naval Ophthalmic
Support and Training Activity

1. Purpose. To publish the mission and functions of the Naval
Ophthalmic Support and Training Activity (NAVOPHTHALSUPTRACT) in
support of the mission set forth and revised by references (a)
through (c).

2. Cancellation. BUMEDINST 5450.72C.

3. Background. In 1995, the Tri-Service Optician School was
approved for consolidation/collocation by the Interservice
Training Advisory Board, the Defense Medical Readiness and
Training Education Counsel, and the Interservice Training Review
Organization Executive Board at NAVOPHTHALSUPTRACT (reference
(a)). In 1996, the Department of Defense agreed to a DoD
Optical Fabrication Workload Redistribution Plan which
reassigned workload and Army personnel to NAVOPHTHALSUPTRACT.
Effective 01 October 1999, the Chief, Bureau of Medicine and
Surgery (BUMED) was selected as the executive agent for the
management of the Military Health System Optical Fabrication
Enterprise Program that has resulted in a change in the mission
and functions for NAVOPHTHALSUPTRACT.

4. Action. Addressee must:

a. Ensure performance of the specific mission and functions
assigned in enclosure (1).

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b. Advise the Chief, BUMED of any recommended modifications to enclosure (1).



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MISSION AND FUNCTIONS OF
NAVAL OPHTHALMIC SUPPORT AND TRAINING ACTIVITY

1. Purpose. To publish mission and functions of the Naval Ophthalmic Support and Training Activity (NAVOPHTHALSUPTRACT) under the established mission and revised by ITRO Executive Order #39, May 1995 establishing a Tri-Service Optician School and NAVOPHTHALSUPTRACT and the Memorandum from OASD(HA) dated 23 October 1996 which reassigned workload and Army personnel to NAVOPHTHALSUPTRACT, and the Memorandum of Understanding between OASD(HA), TMA, and the SGs of the Army, Navy, and Air Force which established the Navy as the executive agent for the Military Health System Optical Fabrication Enterprise (OFE).

2. Mission. To support the operational readiness of the Armed Forces by providing timely fabrication and worldwide delivery of eyewear by leading the Department of Defense Ophthalmic Services Program in providing prescription eyewear for all active duty and eligible personnel, as prescribed by Title 10, U.S. Code, current directives, and as directed by higher authority; by supporting all operational, contingency, and humanitarian missions worldwide, in peacetime and wartime; and by conducting the tri-service training program in opticianry.

3. Status and Command Relationships. Naval Ophthalmic Support and Training Activity is a shore activity in an active (fully operational) status under a commanding officer.

a. Echelon of command:

- 1 - Chief of Naval Operations
- 2 - Chief, Bureau of Medicine and Surgery
- 3 - Naval Ophthalmic Support and Training Activity

b. The Commanding Officer, Naval Ophthalmic Support and Training Activity, is subject to the area coordination authority of the Commander, Naval Base, Norfolk, Virginia.

c. The Commanding Officer, Naval Ophthalmic Support and Training Activity will report to the Chief, Bureau of Medicine and Surgery through the Assistant Chief for Logistics, Bureau of Medicine and Surgery (MED-04).

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d. Execution of the OFE Program is managed by the Office of the Chief, BUMED, as executive agent (EA), under central oversight by the TRICARE Executive Council (TEC). Execution of EA responsibilities is delegated to the Commanding Officer, Naval Ophthalmic Support and Training Activity who will operate as such.

4. Functions. As directed by Chief, BUMED:

a. Fabricate and provide standard and nonstandard lenses, frames and spectacles in support of medical facilities and for personnel of the uniformed services as provided by current instruction.

b. Issue authority to procure and process spectacle orders for nonstandard ophthalmic lenses and frames when a mission specific requirement exists or an individual has a geographical, occupational, environmental, or ocular condition which precludes the use of standardized materials. Examples being (1) aviation and flightdeck eyewear, (2) absorptive eyewear, (3) submarine eyewear, and (4) gas mask inserts in support of special operations.

c. Process all prescription eyewear orders received.

d. Conduct a Tri-Service Optician School for the training of Navy Hospital Corpsman Opticians (NEC 8463), Army Optical Laboratory Specialists (MOS 42E10), and others as required.

e. The commanding officer, acting as the Navy's executive agent for the OFE Program, will:

(1) Act in consultation with and on behalf of other services or organizations in support of OFE Program goals.

(2) Provide support personnel, facilities, and budgetary resources as required.

(3) Execute the OFE Program per applicable guidance, policies, and requirements.

(4) Execute functional, technical, and financial management of the OFE Program.

- (5) Develop and oversee OFE equipment life-cycle maintenance, replacement, and program management activities.
- (6) Act as the point of contact for Government and civilian agencies having interest in the OFE Program.
- (7) Coordinate metrics pertaining to the OFE Program.
- (8) Coordinate work load distribution as required.
- (9) Coordinate automation support activities for the OFE Program.
- (10) Provide fiscal oversight to the OFE Program.
- (11) Support OFE research programs.
- (12) Ensure the proper provision of initial and subsequent optician training to applicable personnel.
- (13) Coordinate cost effective procurement of material, supplies, and equipment to be used throughout the OFE Program.
- (14) Facilitate infrastructure management, support, and resources for the benefit of the OFE Program.
- (15) Coordinate the capability of the Army and Navy optical fabrication assets in support of contingency operations.
- (16) Prepare reports as required.